

The fight commenced at 9½ o'clock Wednesday morning, and the garrison surrendered at 11 o'clock on Thursday. I do not know when they will come on us, but if they do come, we will do our best.

It is sad to think that the first battle fought on North Carolina soil was gained by the Yankees, but I hope our troops will soon wipe it out, and drive the enemy from among us. We are all in good health. There is no more news. You can let Carmichael make my uniform by the measure he has, or not, as you think best.

P.S. As I will not need my uniform, I will wait 'till I come home to have it made.

J. A. G.

From John W. Graham

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Newbern,

September 5th., 1861.

I arrived here safely on last Saturday evening, and found affairs better than I expected. In Goldsboro' I met a large number of persons, among them, Cousin Eliza Sloan, and Julia Graham. At every depot there was a large crowd very anxious to hear the news, "what number of troops were expected from Virginia," "whether Washington, N.C., had been burned," and "if I thought the enemy would come immediately to Newbern," etc.

There are now about eighteen hundred men at Fort Lane,¹⁰⁵ about three miles down the River at Judge Manly's¹⁰⁶ place con-

¹⁰⁵ Fort Lane was located three miles southeast of New Bern in Craven County. Powell, *North Carolina Gazetteer*, 179.

¹⁰⁶ Matthias Manly (1801-1881), a native of Chatham County, was the son of Basil Manly, a revolutionary hero, and a brother of Governor Charles Manly. He attended the Bingham school and graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1824, sharing honors with William A. Graham and two others. He read law with his brother Charles, married the daughter of William Gaston, and established a highly successful legal practice in New Bern. He served as a commoner, as a superior court judge for nineteen years, on the state supreme court, 1859-1865, in the Constitutional Convention of 1865, in the state senate, and as mayor of New Bern. Samuel A. Ashe, "Matthias Evans Manly," in Ashe, *Biographical History*, VI, 357-365.